



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE 2020-2022

Art & Design

Specification Edexcel

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in Art GCSE

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

Students choosing this course should be able to develop ideas visually and show commitment and energy. You should be able to meet deadlines for coursework and be able to organise and present your ideas in work journals. A passion for Art and Design is essential. In addition to the organised trips, students are required to attend galleries.

You will need to produce a coursework folder together with final pieces for each unit. Coursework requires the writing of an essay 2,000-3,000 words. The course gradually increases the level of independence expected from a student. You will always be supported and guided. A high degree of independence is required in Unit 3 and 4, which assesses your ability to use the learning, gained over the two years of the course.

What will I learn on this course?

- Develop ideas through sustained and focused investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and critical understanding
- Explore and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes, reviewing and refining ideas as work develops
- Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions, reflecting critically on work and progress
- Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and, where appropriate, makes connections between visual and other elements

How is the course structured?

Unit	Title	Weighting	Assessment Type
1	Personal Investigation	60%	Coursework
2	Externally Set Assignment	40%	Exam

What skills will I develop by doing this course?

- Research and development - each student gets the opportunity to generate ideas and research from primary and contextual sources, record their findings, experiment with media and processes, and develop and refine their ideas towards producing outcome(s).
- Self-appraisal - It is essential that students review their progress at appropriate points in the development of their work.
- Self-starter - Each component aims to develop students' ability to generate and develop ideas for their practical work and to build contextual understanding, from either a self-selected or teacher-negotiated focus.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

The course will appeal to students who are

- Keen to develop their visual skills
- Creative, enthusiastic and imaginative
- Able to sustain an investigation

- Able to enjoy visits to galleries, museums, workshops and studios
- Willing to experiment and take risks in their work
- Willing to review their progress and make improvements

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

There is a large selection of Art based careers and higher education opportunities including.

- Graphics
- Fashion
- Illustration
- Textiles
- Theatre Design
- Interior Design
- Ceramics and Painting
- Architecture
- Art History